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The Atheists say, that fire, water, air, and earth (i. e. the four elements) were all made by nature and chance; and none of them by art or mind (that is, they were made by the fortuitous motion of atoms, and not by any Deity), and that those other bodies, of the terrestrial globe, of the sun, the moon, and the stars (which by all, except these Atheists, were, in those times, generally supposed to be animated, and a kind of inferior Deities), were afterwards made out of the aforesaid elements, being altogether inanimate. For they being moved fortuitously, or as it happened, and so making various commixtures together, did, by that means, at length produce the whole heavens and all things in them, as likewise plants and animals here upon earth; all which were not made by mind, nor by art, nor by any God; but, as we said before, by natureand chance; art, and mind itself, rising up afterwards from the same senseless principles in animals*